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SUBJECT:SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 5

1. SUMMARY :

-- YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES AT THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS
AGAIN DOMINATE THE SOVIET MEDIA. ONE OF THE FOREIGN
SPEAKERS WAS DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY IRIZARRI OF THE
PUERTO RICAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHOSE REMARKS ARE REPORTED
SEPTTEL;

--THE U.S. IS MENTIONED IN A SMATTERING OF SMALL
ITEMS, ALL NEGATIVELY. THE PRESS HAS STILL NOT
MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO DELETING USE OF
THE WORD "DETENTE";

--THE RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) CRISIS IS
AGAIN MENTIONED BRIEFLY AND WITH OBVIOUS FAVOR TOWARD
THE "PATRIOTS";

--CHINA IS CRITICIZED FOR NOT REPORTING THE
SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS AND FOR CONTINUING "GOEBLES-TYPE
PROPAGANDA";

--DRV DEPUTY PREMIER LE THANH NGHI MET WITH
SOVIET ECONOMIC OFFICIALS;

--"PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" IS PRAISED BY
AN INDIAN GUEST AND IN AN ARTICLE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
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THE LATTER STRESSING THE ROLE OF WRITERS. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. A NUMBER OF SMALL ARTICLES PORTRAY EVENTS IN
THE U.S. IN A CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE MANNER. IZVESTIYA
CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY'S PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE U.S.-SPANISH TREATY, HIGH-
LIGHTING HIS REPORTED REMARKS FAVORING CLOSER COORDINA-

TION BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO. THIS EFFORT, SAYS TASS, IS OPPOSED BY "MANY" COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. IZVESTIAY ALSO REPORTS (FROM TASS WASHINGTON) THAT THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APPROVED THE U.S.-SAUDI ARABIAN ARMS "DEAL" VALUED AT 1.25 BILLION DOLLARS, DESPITE CRITICISM BY LEGISLATORS, INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN ROSENTHAL, THAT IT WAS "A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION". IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APPROVED A HIGHER BUDGET THAN THE ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED FOR RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE, WHICH CONDUCT A "SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." A SHORT TASS ITEM FROM NEW YORK REPORTS A "RACIST" CRIME AGAINST A BLACK FAMILY IN NEW YORK FOR ALLEGEDLY MOVING INTO A WHITE QUARTER, ADDING THAT THE POLICE WERE NOT ABLE TO CATCH THE CRIMINALS.

3. RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) THE CENTRAL MEDIA CARRY A TASS ITEM FROM LUSAKA SAYING THAT THE "PATRIOTS OF ZIMBABWE CONTINUE TO WIDEN THE ZONE OF BATTLE AGAINST THE RACIST SMITH REGIME." THE ITEM SAYS THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "PARTISIAN ACTIVISTS" AND THEIR SUCCESS STRIKE PANIC INTO THE RHODESIAN "RACISTS" AND THAT ABOUT ONE THOUSAND WHITES LEAVE EACH MONTH.

4. CHINA. A TASS ITEM FROM PEKING, CARRIED IN ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS, REPORTS THAT CHINA HAS NOT SO MUCH AS REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET 25TH PARTY CONGRESS IS GOING ON. THE CHINESE "WORKERS" HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM HEARING OF THE USSR'S WILLINGNESS "TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CHINA ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE," OR OF THE NEW SOVIET FIVE-YEAR PLAN, SAYS TASS. ON THE CONTRARY, PEKING HAS CONTINUED TO PUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUT "ONLY GOEBBELS-STYLE (GEBBEL'SOVSKAYA) PROGRGANDA" ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION, TASS CONCLUDES. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPLAYS AN ARTICLE FROM THE POLISH NEWSPAPER "ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI" ON THE "POWER STRUGGLE" IN CHINA, WHICH IT CLAIMS SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF BECOMING A NEW CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

5. VIETNAM. DRV DEPUTY PREMIER LE THANH NGHI, WHO APPARENTLY CAME TO MOSCOW WITH PARTY CHIEF LE DUAN MET WITH SOVIET DEPUTY PREMIER ARKHIPOV ON MARCH 4, ACCORDING TO IZVESTIYA. THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING WAS NOT DISCUSSED, BUT BOTH MEN DEAL WITH AID AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND HAVE OFTEN HELD MEETINGS IN THE PAST.

6. PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. IN A PRAVDA ARTICLE REPORTING LAUDATORY COMMENTS FROM FOREIGN GUESTS TO THE PARTY CONGRESS, INDIAN COMMUNIST FIGURE BHUPESH GUPTA SAID THAT INDIAN COMMUNISTS "WHOLLY AGREE" WITH BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT "CONCERNING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AS ONE OF THE CHIEF PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM." REFUSAL TO SEE THIS DAMAGES THE UNITY OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, AS SHOWN BY THE "SHAMEFUL POLICY OF THE MAOISTS." IZVESTIYA CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY DONAT SHAINER, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECH WRITERS UNION, IN WHICH HE AFFIRMS THE ROLE OF THE WRITER IN "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. SHAINER CITES WITH FULL APPROVAL BREZHNEV'S WORDS ON THE WRITER'S NEED TO KEEP "IDEOLOGICAL DIRECTION" AS THE CHIEF CRITERION OF ANY WORK.

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